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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Zerbst Airfield

EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT

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DATE PREPARED 4 April 1955

REFERENCES

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REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. Air activity and aircraft observed at Zerbst airfield:

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At 1120 on 4 February 1955, 4 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked on the hardstand along the taxiway in the northeastern corner of the landing field. Three Yak-11s were seen at the southwestern end of the runway and 5 Yak-11s taxied from the direction of the flight control station to the runway. Beginning at 1130, 8 Yak-11s individually took off at intervals of 5 to 10 minutes. There was poor visibility. Eight individual landings were made by Yak-11s at about 1300. One Yak-14 made a local flight at about 1250. Between 1310 and 1450, 6 Yak-11s circled over the field in succession. Air activity was discontinued at 1450 because of ground fog.

The runway lights were switched on throughout the day because of poor visibility. ¹

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2. Radio and radar installations:

On 4 February, 1 radio truck with a rod antenna on the middle of the roof, 1 radio truck without antenna and 1 radio truck trailer were parked at the southwestern end of the runway. A Token-type radar set was observed west of the northeastern hardstand along the taxiway. During air activity, the Token-type set rotated in clock-wise direction, making 1 rotation in 15 seconds. No operating personnel were seen nor could any sounds be heard from the distance. A single-story house which appeared to be the same height as the radar set was located 300 meters southwest of the set. A Kniferest-type set was still observed in the radar station about 1 km southwest of the runway end. This set was also in operation during air activity making 1 rotation in 9 seconds. When air activity was discontinued, the radar sets stopped operating, while the runway lights remained burning. ²

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3. AA

An AA gun emplacement with 3 four-barreled guns without gun shields was seen west of the southwestern end of the runway. Eight men were seen at each gun. ³

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1. Comment. Zerbst airfield is still occupied by 1 fighter division headquarters, 1 fighter regiment and 1 reconnaissance regiment. Air activity by Yak-11s on 4 February 1955 confirms the aircraft type flown by the reconnaissance regiment. 25X1
2. Comment. The Token-type radar set in the northeastern corner of the landing field is reported for the first time. The Kniferest-type radar set has previously been confirmed. During the air activity with poor visibility, the radar sets were in operation. The reported times on the revolutions are normal. For location sketch of radar set, see Annex 1. 25X1
3. Comment. Four-barreled AA guns were observed for the first time at Zerbst airfield as at several other fields.
 . For location sketch of AA gun emplacement, see Annex 2. 25X1

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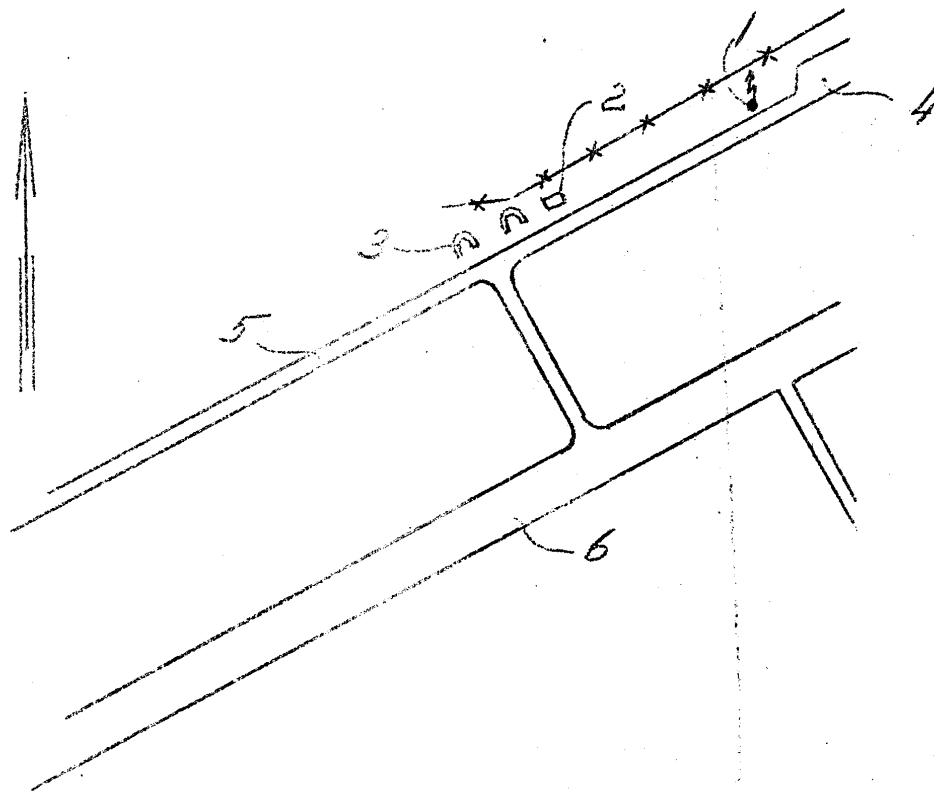
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Annex 1

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Location Sketch of Radar Set at Zerbst Airfield



Legend:

- 1 Token-type radar set
- 2 Single-story house
- 3 Aircraft revetments
- 4 Hardstand for alert aircraft
- 5 Taxiway
- 6 Runway

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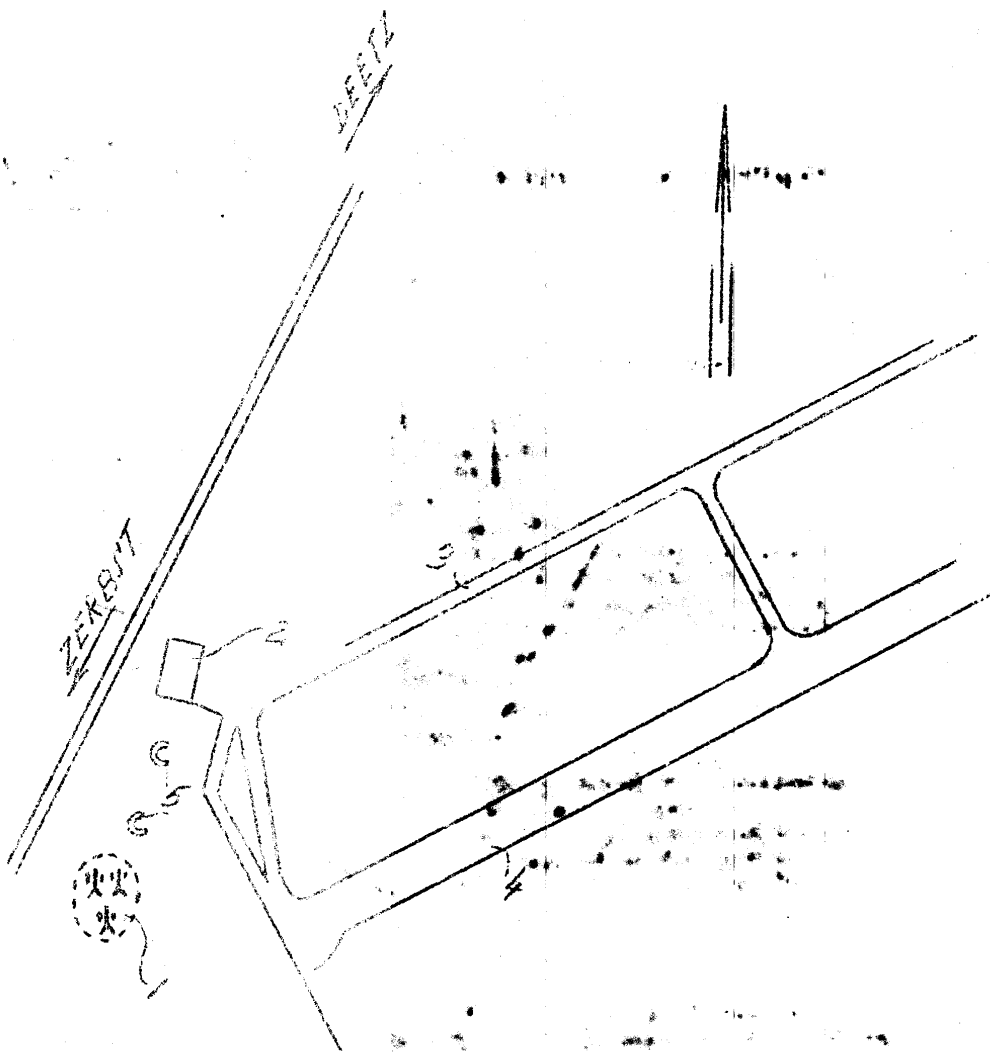
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Annex 2

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Location Sketch of AA Gun Emplacement at Zerbst Airfield



Legend:

- 1 AA gun emplacement with 3 four-barreled AA guns
- 2 Southwestern hangar
- 3 Taxiway
- 4 Runway
- 5 Aircraft revetments

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